

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A nickel-metal hydride storage battery comprising a negative electrode mainly composed of a hydrogen absorbing alloy, a positive electrode, a separator and an alkaline electrolyte wherein a fluorocarbon resin has a particle diameter of 0.05-1.0 μm and is present in single particle state on the surface of the negative electrode.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) A nickel-metal hydride storage battery according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the fluorocarbon resin is 0.0005-0.005 g per 1 cm^2 of the negative electrode.

4-7. (Canceled).